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## DEVELOPMENTS OF A WEEK.

### John Barbaglia Run a "Naturalization Mill" of His Own.—High Democratic Officials Furnish Official Blanks.—Grand Jury's Report a "Scorcher."

Last week the Kicker told you about how the ignorant Jewish foreigners were "naturalized" and lined up for the "party" by Nathan Levin, a saloon-keeper and president of the Hebrew Jefferson Club. Levin got five years.

Now the Kicker is prepared to tell you of another saloon-keeper and prominent "party" worker who got mixed up with the Federal authorities and must serve out a penitentiary sentence. He can't appeal to the Missouri supreme court either.

John Barbaglia is an Italian, and is known in St. Louis as the "King of Dago Hill." The Italians have no Jefferson Club, but they have a North Italy Club, of which Barbaglia was president. To be president of the club and a saloon-keeper is no small honor among Italians.

Barbaglia also engaged in the manufacture of Democratic votes. He engaged in the naturalization business. While Levin took his victims before the Court of Appeals and caused them to perjure themselves, Barbaglia had a simpler method. He fixed up the papers himself.

BARBAGLIA HAD IN HIS POSSESSION THE GENUINE NATURALIZATION PAPERS USED BY THE COURT OF APPEALS, SIGNED WITH THE GENUINE SIGNATURES OF JOHN H. MURPHY, CLERK, AND THOS. E. BARRETT, MARSHAL OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, AND STAMPED WITH THE SEAL OF THE COURT.

How did he get these?

Barrett has been indicted.

Clerk Murphy says these papers were kept in a locker in his office that was never locked, and that they could easily be extracted. In explaining the genuineness of his own signature, he said it had been his custom, at times, to affix his name and seal of his office to the blanks in advance of their issue.

Getting ready for the rush, eh?

Expecting Nathan Levin and his army of ignorant foreigners, perhaps.

To take testimony and "naturalize" 211 foreigners who must not through an interpreter in 180 minutes requires some pre-arrangement.

Anyway, the whole mess is as dirty as dirty can be. Neither Levin nor Barbaglia were aware of the extent of their crimes. They were acting for men high in authority and never suspected that high officials would lead them to the penitentiary. In intelligence the "convicted" men were above the average of their associates, yet they were not aware of the enormity of their offenses.

But these poor dupes now see where they are at. Barbaglia has made a partial confession and says the blank naturalization papers, signed by the clerk and marshal of the court, and stamped with the official seal, were delivered to him by a "prominent Democrat and high city official."

Of course Jim Selbert didn't do it. He's too foxy. But it is dollars to a cent that Jim knew all about it. Here is the story as told by the Republic:

"Barbaglia's confession, with the omission of names, was that he got the blank naturalization papers, stamped with the seal of the court

and signed by the hand of the clerk, from a certain official of the City of St. Louis, who brought them to his home in the night time, and, in the presence of Barbaglia's wife, delivered them as coming from a certain gentleman high in the councils of the Democratic party of the City of St. Louis.

Barbaglia's instructions were to fill them out with the names of certain Italians, who had been mentioned on a list previously furnished by Barbaglia. The same official who brought the papers sat at the table, and, in the presence of Mrs. Barbaglia, saw Barbaglia write in the names and fill out each of the blanks, after which the registration documents were delivered to the various persons, who registered the next day and voted at the following election.

On the morning of the precinct registration, Barbaglia says, this "high Democratic official" came to him and complained because he had filled the blanks out with violet ink instead of the uniform black used by the court. He was told, however, to register the men and vote them as per contract.

In January, when Barbaglia received a notice that his presence was wanted at the District Attorney's office, he says that he went to the office of the "high Democratic official" to seek advice. There he was instructed to keep his mouth closed and tell the Federal authorities nothing. Later, by arrangement, he met another "well known St. Louis politician."

The conference resulted in Barbaglia being instructed to get back the papers written in violet ink, which were in the hands of the men who had voted, and to destroy them.

"How can I get them back and leave the men nothing for their own protection?" Barbaglia is said to have asked.

The politicians told him that they would fix that by giving him other papers to substitute, which would be made out in the proper kind of ink and in the handwriting of the clerk of the court.

The next night this "well-known politician" went to Barbaglia's home and delivered to him a bunch of new papers signed by John H. Murphy, clerk, and Thomas E. Barrett, Marshal of the Court of Appeals. He was instructed to deliver them and take up the old papers, which he did. Barbaglia further told the Assistant District Attorney that these same men had furnished his legal counsel and that plans were made for his defense at the saloon of a prominent member of the House of Delegates from the Twenty-second ward.

J. J. Hannigan, an ex-member of the St. Louis House of Delegates, was convicted of bribery in connection with the Suburban railway bill, on Thursday of last week, and was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. The jury was just forty minutes in agreeing upon the verdict.

Addressing the jury Circuit Attorney Folk said:

"Corrupt officials are the greatest enemies we have to deal with to-day, for when legislation becomes a commodity free government will vanish. There will then be not a government of the people, but a government of and for the few with wealth enough to purchase official power."

"There is no more serious crime than bribery. Other offenses violate one law, while bribery strikes at the foundation of all law and poisons the very fountains of justice."

"Givers and takers of bribes are the traitors of peace. Benedict Arnold attempted to sell his country

for gold; he was a traitor of war. Judas Iscariot for money betrayed the Man of Galilee with a kiss; he was a traitor of peace. The man who sells his official influence for money would sell his country if he could. Bribery is treason—the treason of peace."

"If corruption like this is allowed to go on, free government will sooner or later be undermined and destroyed. Corrupt officials and men who debauch them are the enemies of the republic."

"Civic honor and civic pride should ever be above private greed. May you show yourselves to be men who believe in this honor and express disapproval of such corruption as has been shown you in this trial."

Seeing that the penitentiary doors are barred, Circuit Attorney Folk says of the hoodlums: "I will keep on sending them to the supreme court."

The April grand jury for St. Louis adjourned last week, and the June grand jury was immediately pressed into service and took up the work where the April jury left off. Before retiring the April jury submitted a report that certainly caused "cold chills" to run up and down the backs of those in authority in Missouri. The report is too lengthy to reproduce in full, but following are a few extracts from it:

"The testimony we have heard has shown a state of affairs most amazing. High state officials have confessed to us of having accepted bribes for official influence and having acted as go-betweens in securing bribes for other legislators."

"We have listened to the confessions of state senators, and were at liberty to make known all they have told us the recital would appall and astound the citizens of the state."

"Our investigations have gone back for twelve years, and during that time the evidence before us shows that corruption has been the usual and accepted thing in state legislation, and that, too, without interference or hindrance."

"Senators have been on the payroll of lobbyists and served special interests instead of public good. It is time that the people should be awakened to the awful condition of things in the General Assembly."

"We have found some indictments for bribery, and there would be many more were it not for the statute of limitations, which bars indictments in this state for this offense three years after the commission of the offense. It seems to us that this is entirely too short a time, and that the statutes should be extended so as to permit an indictment found within seven years from the date of the crime."

"The fact that some public officials against whom indictments have been returned, and even after conviction, are permitted to exercise the functions of their office to enact laws is abhorrent to the minds and conscience of honest men."

"A large number of the felony cases which we have considered are directly traceable to the disorderly saloon and its vicious influence."

#### FROM ORAN.

There can no longer be any question about Oran being eligible to the county seat. We have sprouting among us the proper material for politicians. These young "hopefuls" range in age from ten to sixteen years and number about sixteen. For some time it has been noticed that small change mysteriously disappeared from the post office. Friday evening Barney Foster, aged 10, was standing about the post office, and Postmaster Fink stepped out to await developments. Immediately the lad made a rush for the cash drawer. Robt. Wright, who was in hiding, caught the boy, who had grabbed forty-five pennies from the drawer. The boy then confessed and implicated about fifteen other lads. Saturday evening a sort of juvenile court was held in Stubbfield's store, and a number of the kids were present and told all about it. They said that these depredations had been going on for years. They confessed to having stolen several boxes of tobacco, and the boxes and considerable tobacco were found under the warehouse. One boy is reported to have said that he didn't care if he did fine him, because he had forty-five dollars hidden away under the Baptist church to pay his fine. A warrant was sworn out against Barney Foster charging him with robbing the post office, and the postal authorities have been notified. What will be done with the other lads has not been decided upon.

Oran in the lead again! Marshall Jenkins has leased the Fair Grounds and will have one of the grandest barbecues and race meetings on the Fourth of July you ever heard of.

Extensive preparations are being made for Children's Day at the Baptist church. The services will begin at 11 a. m. Sunday, June 13. All are cordially invited to attend.

The basket dinner at the Bryans school was a success even with the unfavorable weather. The dinner was abundant and the "Children's Day Offering" excellent.

Go to the great bargain store at Oran. Best bargains for money. Will sell goods from 25 to 30 per cent cheaper than any other store in county.

C. BAKER, Oran.

Mrs. Lizzie Masey is spending some time visiting her nephew, Rex Cunningham. She will go from there to Tennessee on a few weeks' visit to relatives.

Our boys of the first baseball team will play the Cape Sunday at this place. Our team has recruits from Benton and a close game is sure to follow.

Wm. Byrne, a good citizen of the Bleda settlement, died on Tuesday of last week, of small pox. He was born in Scott county 57 years ago.

The Misses Fullenwider, of Jackson, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Al Fullenwider. The latter has been very ill, but is much better.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Kirt Allen, but died Thursday afternoon and was buried in the Friend Cemetery Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Metz celebrated their golden wedding Thursday. They were married May 4, 1853.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Joyce are rejoicing in the advent of a son who came to board at their house the other day.

Geo. Metz, Sr., and daughter, Mrs. White, had business at Benton Monday. Henry Kemper accompanied them.

Wm. Engle's father visited him last week, and his brother surprised him with a visit this week.

Mingo Tribe No. 85, Order of Red Men, closed its charter Monday night with fifty members.

J. F. Gallagher, of Texas, brought in a car load of Texas ponies Monday.

Mrs. R. J. Williams, of Blodgett, visited relatives here Saturday.

A girl baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Al Fullenwider on May 27.

Mrs. Kemper went to Cape Saturday, returning Sunday.

Mrs. Ignatz Diebold is visiting her son at Pierce City.

Boy wanted in Kicker office.

#### FROM NEW HAMBURG.

Although it rained until noon Monday, the sun came out afternoon and a fairly large crowd attended the children's closing exercises of the school. The children acquitted themselves well.

The Great Bargain Store has just received a big line of dry goods, clothing and shoes. These will be sold at very low prices.

C. BAKER, Oran.

Father Moening and Prof. Schulte were in Oran Tuesday.

Twenty-three children partook of their first communion Sunday.

Joe Miller, of Oran, and "der drummer" were here Saturday.

All parties having my grain bags must return same at once, so I can make settlement with my grain house. A. Baudendistel, Kelso.

#### FROM COMMERCE.

Poor old Missouri has no money with which to prosecute her big criminals. If you would like to see the law upheld in Missouri let some hungry swamp angel mark the wrong pig and see the law tear its hair for justice, feeling satisfied in convicting one out of thirty at a cost of three or four thousand dollars. But plunderers of the school fund, bankers and book trust hoodlums become too expensive when the cost reaches a couple of thousand. Commerce would like to stand up for Missouri, and to this end will subscribe \$50 to "fundo enquiring" to be placed at the disposal of Judge Hazel, provided he be allowed to employ his own prosecutor. Crow is too busy studying bugology or something and mustn't be bothered.

Du Fullenwider sold, not long ago, a henrucky's husband to one of our merchants for \$4.35 in silver. This goes to prove what we have claimed for years, namely, that if some company would buy the bluffs and hill-sides from Commerce to Oran and raise fruits and poultry a greater revenue could be produced with less expenditure of energy than anywhere else in the county.

River rising rapidly. The seers all predict that the islands and Tywappity bottoms are doomed to be overflown. Tenants on Big Island have been advised by their landlords to remove their stock.

The ferry took a gang to the fair at Thebes Thursday. They report nothing doing. Don't even know who killed the nigger. But that's not strange—Thebes never did know anything.

Dr. Hutton left Saturday morning for Bloomington, Ind., where he will be joined by his sister, and they will then visit their dad's folks in Eastern Ohio.

Mrs. Frazer took ship for Bloomington, Ind., Saturday, where she will attend the commencement exercises of the I. U., and visit her sister a few days.

Thebes was run last week about like the devil would run a town. They had a street fair.

Alex Campbell decamped for Las Cruces, Mex., Saturday, where he will run a goat ranch.

Dr. Roy Frazer and Miss Alma McKnight made a "flying drive" to Kelso on 29th ult.

The Haw sisters and Miss Taylor are visiting Mrs. Julia Moore.

#### FROM DIEHLSTADT.

Is there no law that can be enforced to prevent the carrying of concealed weapons? On two different occasions guns have been drawn in this town, and no action has been taken by the authorities in the matter. We claim to be a civilized people, yet such acts place us 'way back in the dark ages. Is it not time something was done to stop it?

Another thing, we might just as well have a saloon that sold good beer as allow anything so deadly as the medicated water known as cider to be retailed in our midst. We should have a branch of the W. C. T. U. here, but we don't think there is one within forty square miles of this town. Will the president of that society send us a lecturer?

Mrs. Mary Anderson, of the city, and Thos. Huey, of Porters Switch, were married at Charleston May 28. They held a reception same evening at the bride's residence, and next day they moved to the groom's farm at Porters Switch. They have the best wishes of this community for their future happiness.

The bats were crossed here Sunday between our second nine and Bertrand first nine. At the close of the game the score stood 8 to 21 in favor of Diehlstadt. Rensaw Gentry was pitcher for the local team.

N. B. Cavanah returned home Sunday from Lutesville, where he has been inspecting the fruit district. He is thinking of buying a farm in that vicinity.

Mrs. Josie Bagwell will shortly go to Cape Girardeau to attend Normal school, having received a diploma from school here during last term.

Benjamin Swank and Arthur Christman, of Prices Landing, brought a nice drove of hogs to our village Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Coon, John Rushing and John McKinney and son went to St. Louis on the excursion Sunday.

Robert Howard, the section boss, moved Monday into the house lately vacated by Mrs. Anderson.

Henry Bershere, of Bertrand, moved here Monday to work on the section.

Will May, of Sikeston, was here Sunday and took his best girl buggy riding.

Lindsay Brown shipped a car load of hogs to St. Louis Monday evening.

S. F. Rexor is visiting his father at Golconda, Ill., this week.

#### FROM GRAYSBORO.

Among those at the O'Donnell hotel this week were: Messrs. Joe Thorn, Enoch Aury, J. M. Johnson, John Berry (Jonesboro, Ark.), M. L. Wright (St. Francis, Ark.), B. F. Brown (Thebes, Ill.), Willis Copeland, Arthur Weise, Elmer Checke, Malden.

Mark Capoot has never posed as a diver, and as far as we know he does not hold a government job in that capacity, so we must conclude that it was accidental when he dropped in the river 'tother day.

Next Sunday and Monday will be the third quarterly meeting for Scott mission at Graysboro. Preaching Saturday night, Sunday morning at 11 and Sunday evening. All invited.

Miss Audrey O'Donnell says that it's just too bad when a girl gets to like a fellow real well he just naturally goes off somewhere (Jonesboro, for instance.)

Mr. Grace, of Gals, Ill., has opened up a barber shop over the post office, where you can now have your whiskers gently removed or artistically trimmed—just as you wish.

All parties having my grain bags must return same at once, so I can make settlement with my grain house. A. Baudendistel, Kelso.

A home without a dog, without a cat and without a baby is a home devoid of pleasure and laughter. These girls, ain't that what we've told you all along?

It is very thoughtless of a girl who deserves to be kissed to wear one of those big hats. They just act towards a man as a battleship's torpedo net acts.

Every woman thinks her doctor understands her constitution just as if there never had been another like it in the world.

Geo. Hawkins had the misfortune to get his leg badly hurt in the fly-wheel of an engine last week. He is somewhat lame in consequence.

FOR SALE—A choice of two registered short horn bulls. One 15 months old and other 18 months old. B. F. ANDERSON, Commerce.

Mrs. Emma Cannon left for St. Louis Sunday. She will make her home there in future.

Mrs. Ed. Gray and family will leave soon for Fort Smith, Ark., to spend the summer.

Tom Hawkins, of Commerce, was a welcome visitor in our town Sunday.

Oscar Watterman and H. Davis took in the fair at Thebes Sunday.

Misses Bessie and Thersia Knott attended the street fair at Thebes.

We now have a first-class dry goods store on Front street.

A good time for all on July 4—and don't you forget it.

Jim Simpson is again among his Graysboro friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Kelly spent Monday in Thebes.

After preaching will someone please forget to be good.

W. D. Givens was a pleasant visitor in our town last week.

Will Phillips, of Anna, Ill., is switching here now.

Miss May Curtis is on the sick list at present.

#### FROM PORTERS SWITCH.

Henry Scherer, Arthur Huey and Harley Smith were arrested Saturday for disturbing public worship at Oak Grove. They were taken before Squire Cannon at Benton and trimmed up to the tune of \$10 each.

Will Mackley is now the proud possessor of a hand organ. He says he has ordered a monkey to complete the outfit. Pass the hat, boys.

Uncle Joe Ware says the Kicker is tracing the hoodlums so close to home that he is beginning to feel a little uneasy about himself.

Julius Mifeldt is the champion fisherman of the ditch, as he catches 'em gwine an' comin' with those new patent hooks of his.

Will Holmes and wife, who have been separated for some time, have buried the hatchet and are living together again.

I have a lot of blue and whippoorwill stock pens that I will sell at \$1.00 a bushel. A. Baudendistel, Kelso, Mo.

Sunday school at both the Baptist and Methodist church every Sunday morning. Everybody should come.

Mr. and Mrs. John Collins visited the family of Alonzo Kinkade near Prices Landing Friday till Sunday.

Tom Huey and Mrs. Mary Anderson were quietly married at Charleston Thursday. Here's to them.

The families of J. W. Hufstetler and Willie Wilson visited at Mr. Rogers Sunday.

Mrs. James Collins, of this neighborhood, is very ill at present.

Keep in mind the big barbecue and race meeting at the Fair Grounds at Oran, July 4.

#### FROM MORLEY.

Decoration Day was observed here Saturday, all the business houses being tastefully decorated. An able address was delivered by Lon. B. Williams at the cemetery.

Mrs. Sarah Boyce left Wednesday evening for Las Cruces, N. M. She was accompanied by Alex Campbell, of Commerce.

Miss Florence Marshall visited in Morley Sunday, accompanied by—well, we all know who.

Morley citizens are thinking of giving a good old-fashioned free barbecue on July 4.

The young folks enjoyed a nice time with Mrs. M. V. Harris Tuesday evening.

Leo Hudkins has been on the sick list the past week, but is now able to be up.

Misses Hattie Harris and Fanny Parrish visited friends in Sikeston Sunday.

John Hunter, wife and child returned this week from a trip to California.

Surrey Arnold visited friends at Cape Sunday evening.

Several of our people took in the excursion to St. Louis Sunday.

#### FROM CARY.

The Home Mission will give an ice cream supper at Mrs. R. F. Finley's on June 6. Everybody invited. If the boys don't bring their girls along they can't get in. Look out—

Joseph Utage, wife and daughter and Miss Nola Bryant attended the fifth Sunday meeting at Hickory Grove, where Bro. Howell, of Ellis Grove, Ill., preached a fine sermon.

Mrs. Cora Room is visiting home folks. She will afterwards go to Fredericktown.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Utage made a flying trip to Charleston Saturday. There was no Sunday school at Unity Sunday. Don't know why.

Ab. Finch has the contract of hauling logs from the bottom.

Miss Iva Chewing is visiting her grandfather, Mr. Jehlen.

Mrs. Cannon, of Benton, is visiting her niece, Mrs. Bryant.

Miss Betty Pate is visiting her brother, T. W. Pate.

Mrs. Knighten is reported very ill with cancer.

#### FROM ROCKVIEW.

Rumor says that Nick Manz is wearing a broad smile nowadays. He says he thinks there will be a lady school teacher at Rockview this term.

Miss Agnes Offutt, of Morley, was in our town this week seeking appointment as teacher at Rockview school.

The ball at George Daniels Saturday night was a success, so it is said. W. D. Jones made a flying trip to Kelso Saturday.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Anthony died on the 27th ult. and was buried at the Jones cemetery.

Farmers around here say that if it rains any more the corn fields will make good pasture.

Louis Haefler brought a load of soda and hop-ton to the joint Friday.

Joe Belk made a business trip to Kelso station Saturday.

Our boys are trying to get up a base ball team. Then look out.

Frank Felden made a flying trip to Cape Friday.

#### FROM KELSO.

The dance at the hall Monday night was a success. There were between forty and fifty couples present.

I have a lot of blue and whippoorwill stock pens that I will sell at \$1.00 a bushel. A. Baudendistel, Kelso, Mo.

The I. M. Ry. has five cars of steel at the site of the bridge approach.

Dr. Hutton has gone east on a visit.

Dr. Vorbeck has returned from Hot Springs.

I desire to sell my house and lot in Kelso. K. MARTIN.

Mrs. John Heisserer has been quite sick.

FOR SALE—Fine blue stock pens Inquire of C. C. Hulstead, Blodgett.

#### FROM HICKORY GROVE.

Tom Woolsey, who twice stabbed John York in the back while they were returning from church on the night of May 24 has took "leg bail." York is improving.

Last summer Uncle George Brock said the drain ditches caused the dry season. Wonder what he thinks of it now?

Leslie Darby is visiting at Crowder. It is said that Miss Jennie Clemson will again teach our school.

Joe. Utage and family and Miss Ada Vaughn were at church Sunday.

The Baptist meeting that closed Sunday was a success.

Four new cases of small-pox.

Notice to School Officers.

Copies of the new school law and blanks necessary for school officers may be had at the office of the county clerk in Benton or at my office in Morley. NORMAN L. ANDERSON, School Commissioner.

## DEATH AND DESTRUCTION.

### Tornadoes, Floods, Fire and Famine.—Whole Cities Wiped off the Map.—Millions of Acres Under Water and Farmers Fleeing to the Hills.—Biggest Flood Since 1844 is Headed This Way.

It begins to appear as if the Bad Man was after us. The casualties of the past two weeks are something awful to relate. Tornadoes have swept over many states, leaving death and destruction behind. The property loss reached into the millions, and the dead and wounded number about 500.

Now we have the floods. The Missouri, Kaw and other western rivers are overflowing and wiping whole cities off the map.

Armourdale, a suburb of Kansas City, Kan., had a population of ten thousand. Armourdale is no more. With the exception of a few brick houses all the buildings were swept away by the mad waters. Argentina, with a population of 5,000, is in the same fix—as is also Harlan.

The river is ten miles wide—from

bluff to bluff—at Kansas City. The big packing houses and stock yards are flooded; hundreds of cattle were drowned and tons of prepared meats were destroyed. In the Kansas City Union Station the water is eight feet deep. The property loss is estimated at \$50,000,000 in and around Kansas City. Railroad traffic has been suspended and famine is feared. Eggs already sold at fifty cents per dozen and other provision in proportion.